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STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

OHIO.

Births and Deaths—Registration of. (Act Apr. 24, 1913.)

SECTION 1. That sections 198, 218, 219, 220, 225, and 226 of the General Code of Ohio be, and the same are hereby, amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 198. The secretary of state shall prescribe methods, forms, and blanks and furnish necessary postage for obtaining registration of births, and deaths in each district and of preserving the records thereof and those of the central bureau. He shall enforce the provisions of this chapter thoroughly and uniformly throughout the State, and from time to time shall recommend necessary legislation for that purpose. He shall provide for necessary clerical and other assistance to carry out the provisions of this chapter. No system of registration of births and deaths in municipalities in conflict with this chapter shall be maintained or continued.

"SEC. 218. Each birth that occurs in the State shall be immediately registered in the district in which it occurs, as hereinafter provided. Within 10 days thereafter the attending physician or midwife shall file with the local registrar of the district in which the birth occurred a certificate of birth, properly and completely filled out, giving all the particulars herein required. If there be no attending physician or midwife, the father or mother of the child, householder or owner of the premises, manager or superintendent of public or private institutions in which the birth occurred, shall notify the local registrar within 10 days thereafter of such birth having occurred. In such case the local registrar shall secure the necessary information and signature to make a proper certificate of birth.

"In case the attending physician or midwife certifies as provided in section 219, that he or she does not possess and can not obtain without an independent inquiry the information necessary to fill out items Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, and 18 of the certificate required by section 219, the local registrar shall secure the necessary information to properly fill out such omitted items in such certificate from the father or mother of the child, householder or owner of the premises, manager or superintendent of public or private institution in which the birth occurred, or other person qualified to supply such information, and shall properly fill out the omitted items of said certificate with the information so obtained, and the person from whom such information is obtained shall sign a statement indorsed on such certificate that he or she furnished the information necessary to fill out the items omitted by the attending physician or midwife.

"SEC. 219. The certificate of birth shall contain the following items:

"(1) Place of birth; including State, county, township, village, or city. If in a city, the ward, street, and house number; if in a hospital or other institution, the name thereof instead of the street and house number.

"(2) Full name of the child. If the child dies without a name before the certificate is filed, enter the words "died unnamed." If the living child has not been named at the date of filing certificate of birth, the space for "full name of child" is to be left blank, to be filled out subsequently by a supplemental report, as hereinafter provided.

"(2a) Full name of mother.

"(3) Sex of child.

"(4) Whether a twin, triplet, or other plural birth. A separate certificate shall be required for each child in a case of plural birth, giving number of child in order of birth.

- "(5) Whether legitimate or illegitimate.
- "(6) Full name of father, except in the case of illegitimate births.
- "(7) Residence of father.
- "(8) Color or race of father.
- "(9) Birthplace of father.
- "(10) Age of father at last birthday, in years.
- "(11) Occupation of father.
- "(12) Maiden name of mother, in full.
- "(13) Residence of mother.
- "(14) Color or race of mother.
- "(15) Birthplace of mother.
- "(16) Age of mother at last birthday, in years.
- "(17) Occupation of mother.
- "(18) Number of child of this mother, and number of children of this mother now living.

"(19) Certificate of attending physician or midwife as to attendance at birth; including statement of year, month, day, and hour of birth, and whether the child was alive or dead at birth. This certificate shall be signed by the attending physician or midwife, with date of signature and address.

"If the physician or midwife does not possess and can not obtain without an independent inquiry the information necessary to supply items 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, and 18 of said certificate, said physician or midwife shall so certify in said certificate. If there is no physician or midwife in attendance, or if the physician or midwife in attendance certifies that he or she does not possess and can not obtain without an independent inquiry the information necessary to fill out items Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, and 18 of such certificate, then such certificate, or portion of the same not filled out by the physician or midwife, shall be signed by the father or mother of the child, householder or owner of the premises, or manager or superintendent of public or private institution, or other competent person whose duty it shall be to notify the local registrar of such birth, as required by the preceding section.

"(20) Exact date of filing in office of local registrar, attested by his official signature, and registered number of birth, as hereinafter provided.

"SEC. 220. All certificates, either of birth or death, shall be written legibly, in unfading ink. No certificate shall be held to be complete and correct that does not supply all of the items of information called for therein, or satisfactorily account for their omission, as provided by law.

"SEC. 225. The State registrar shall carefully examine the monthly certificates from the local registrars, and shall secure such further information as may be necessary to make the record complete and satisfactory. He shall arrange, bind, and permanently preserve the certificates in a systematic manner. He shall maintain a card index of all births and deaths registered, to show the name of child, or deceased, place and date of birth or death, number of certificate, and the volume in which it is contained.

"SEC. 226. The local registrar shall supply blank forms of certificates and stamped and addressed envelopes to such persons as require them. He shall require each certificate of birth or death when presented for record to be made out in accordance with law and the instructions of the State registrar. If a certificate of death is incomplete or unsatisfactory, he shall indicate the defects therein and withhold the burial or removal permit until corrected. If the certificate of death is properly executed and complete, he shall issue a burial or removal permit to the undertaker."

SEC. 2. That said original sections 198, 218, 219, 220, 225, and 226 of the General Code be, and the same are hereby, repealed.